

Sunny weather marks Hope Spring Fun Run at Queenswood

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Slightly warm, autumnal weather marked the first [Hope Spring 5K Fun](#) Run at Queenswood Country Park, Dinmore Hill in Herefordshire last Saturday morning.

The event, which was part of the Energy sustainability festival, saw runners and walkers aged 2 to 76 take to the paths in Herefordshire's only country park.

The event kicked off at 10.00am and began with Richard Evans of [Hereford Runners](#) leading the warm-up. He took the fun runners through exercises designed to reduce chances of sprains and strains.

Before declaring the start of the race, Hope Spring Water trustee, Temi Odurinde emphasised the importance of safety and reminded runners that it was a fun run and not a race. He added that every participant at the Fun Run would receive a gold medal, whether they came first or last.

The 2 lap, 5 Kilometre course started at Lime Avenue and saw participants run through parts of the woods rarely used. After the second lap, participants ran an additional 500 meters to get to the finish line, where the completion time and medals were handed out by Peter Dowsette and Stan Gyford.

The Fun Run raised over £300 for Hope Spring Water charity.

Many of the runners asked if there would be another Fun Run any time soon. Race director, Temi Odurinde said [Hope Spring](#) is in discussion with Hereford River Carnival about bringing the 5K Fun Run to the river carnival in 2018.

You can see pictures from the event at [Hope Spring 5K Fun Run Facebook page](#).

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